

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attached hereto is a revocation of previous power of attorney. A new power of attorney is provided herewith.

### **REMARKS**

With this amendment claims 1-29 and 33-36 are pending. Claims 1, 4, 13 and 22 have been amended. Claims 30-32 have been canceled, and claims 34-36 have been added. Support for the amendments is found in the instant specification at page 7, line 22 – page 8, line 35, and Figure 2 referenced therein. As such, it is submitted that no new matter has been added by way of this amendment.

Claims 1-12, 14, 16-29 and 33 currently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Marukawa et al. (U.S. Patent 5,627,090) in view of Shinji Matsui (IEEE Vol. 85, No. 4, April 1997). Lastly, claims 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Marukawa et al. in view of Shinji Matsui and further in view of Hoechst AG (1999 Derwent Information 1976-32210X).

Applicant requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in light of the above claim amendments.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite with greater specificity the process by which an inventive organic molecule layer is built up on a parent structure to form a deposition mask. Contrary to the prior art of record, the inventive organic molecule layer absorbs preferentially on a parent structure as compared to a substrate and successive organic molecule layers are added with intermediate application of a metal ion solution.

Marukawa et al. is silent as to these inventive aspects. Matsui fails to bolster Marukawa et al. as Matsui also is silent as to these inventive aspects.

In light of the above claim amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 1-12, 14, 16-29 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Marukawa et al. in view of Matsui is solicited.


As claims 13 and 15 depend from a base claim now believed to be in allowable form, these claims are likewise believed to be in allowable form. In addition, based on the teaching of Marukawa et al., it is Applicant's position that one skilled in the art would lack a motivation to adopt a metal ion- organic coordinated multilayer structure.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection as to claims 13 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Marukawa et al. in view of Matsui and further in view of Hoechst is respectfully requested.

#### Summary

Claims 1-29 and 33-36 are the claims pending in this application. Each claim is believed to be in proper form and directed to allowable and patentable subject matter. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is solicited. Should the Examiner find to the contrary, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney in charge of this application to resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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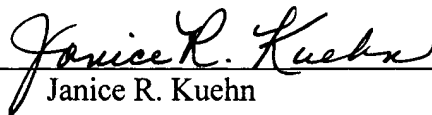
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